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REMARKS:

Status Of Claims

Claims 14-20 were previously pending. Claim 14 has been amended. Thus, claims 14-20 are currently pending in the application with claim 14 being independent.

Office Action

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-20 as being anticipated by Bullock, U.S. Patent No. 6,650,995. Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims distinguish the present invention over Bullock, and the other prior art references taken alone or in combination.

Specifically, claim 14 now recites "wherein the navigation modules, guidance modules, mapping modules, and routing modules are assembled in user-defined and custom arrangements within the application module". In contrast, Bullock fails to teach customization of the modules themselves.

Bullock is directed toward techniques for optimizing traffic content. A user in Bullock enters unsolicited route data. This route data is used as a preferred route between two locations and reflects the experiences of the user with a particular route. Essentially, the user in Bullock interacts with an application to define a desired route, but the user is not capable of defining how an application will process or how it will be arranged.

That is, the processing flow of an application in Bullock is driven by a user-supplied route but the user cannot define the application and rearrange or customize the processing

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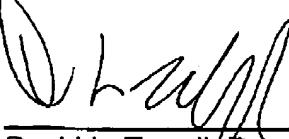
flow of the application by arranging different modules of the application. The user has no ability to arrange modules of the application in Bullock. Bullock supplies custom data that is consumed by a static application for purposes of preferring a specific desired route of the user. There is no ability in Bullock for the user to rearrange the modules of the application in a custom fashion because Bullock lacks any teaching or suggestion of a teaching where modularized components are available for programming development. As a result, Bullock cannot assemble its own user-defined arrangements of modules to form custom applications. Bullock relies on a single arrangement of the static application.

Thus, Bullock fails to teach a user-defined arrangement of the modules to form the custom applications. Accordingly, Bullock fails to teach each and every aspect of Applicants' amended independent claim 14 and the rejection should be withdrawn. Claims 15-20 depend upon claim 14, and are therefore also allowable,

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791.

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